(c) whether Government have received representations from aggrieved persons in this regard.

(d) if so, why services of peons of that office, which was subsequently transferred to Allahabad, could not be regularised till date, and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The CBSE has received representations in this regard.

(d) and (e) The CBSE has informed that the three persons, who belong to General Category, have been employed as Casual Labour on daily wage basis and not against any substantive post of peon. In the absence of any regular vacancy falling under the unreserved category, the regularisation of the services of these daily wage workers could not be done.

Revoking suspension of deputy director in N V Samiti

2890. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Deputy Directors of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti were caught red handed by CBI while accepting bribe and were placed under suspension soon after but their suspension was revoked two days before their superannuation-date, though the cases registered against them are still pending;

(b) if so, the details of such officers: and

(c) the justification of such step of the Samiti, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) One Deputy Director of NVS Regional Office Jaipur, was allegedly caught red handed by CBI in Sept., 1999 while accepting bribe and was placed under suspension. Subsequently, the CBI had sought permission for his prosecution which was accorded by the Samiti. The suspension of the officer, who was to retire on superannuation on 30.06.2000 was revoked in the evening of 29.06.2000 by Director, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, on humanitarian consideration and since there was no possibility of his

tampering any evidence as the charge sheet was already filed in a criminal court.

Recruitments of Holder Degrees of Fake Universities in KVS

2891. SHRI R. N. ARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 723, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000 and state:

(a) whether holders of B.Ed or equivalent degrees of some fake universities have been recruited by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such employees and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Arbitrary Orders of KVS

† 2892. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of some arbitrary orders of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, like change in the timing of primary classes, depositing of school fee in Bank by students or their parents and 70 per cent hike in school fee;

(b) if so, what is the intention behind such orders and Government's reaction towards their likely impact on students and parents; and

(c) what steps Government would take for withdrawal of the said order, with immediate effect?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)D: (a) to (c) Change in the timing of primary classes from 5 hours 35 minutes to 6 hours 10 minutes has been done with a view to give adequate focus on the academics and also keeping in view of the safety and security of students. The deposit of school fee in bank has been done with a view to ensure safety in handling cash and relieve the teachers from the same and giving attention to the studies. No tuition fee has been increased during

† Original notice of (he question was received in Hindi.